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Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Louis Batson, right, a native of Lake Crystal, Minnesota, secures Boatswain's Mate Seaman Evashawn Poemoceah a native of Lawton, Oklahoma, as she signals an MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter from "Easyrider" Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 37 to land aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) July 21. Michael Murphy is underway conducting routine operations in U.S. 3rd Fleet. (Photo by Ensign Eric Martinez)



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Your Navy Team in Hawaii

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii oversees two installations: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oahu and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, on Kauai. As Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, we provide oversight for the ten surface ships homeported at JBPHH. Navy aircraft squadrons are also co-located at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, Oahu, and training is sometimes also conducted on other islands, but most Navy assets are located at JBPHH and PMRF. These two installations serve fleet, fighter and family under the direction of Commander, Navy Installations Command.

A guided-missile cruiser and destroyers of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific deploy independently or as part of a group for Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and in the Seventh Fleet and Fifth Fleet areas of responsibility. The Navy, including your Navy team in Hawaii, builds partnerships and strengthens interoperability in the Pacific. Each year, Navy ships, submarines and aircraft from Hawaii participate in various training exercises with allies and friends in the Pacific and Indian Oceans to strengthen interoperability. Navy service members and civilians conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions in the South Pacific and in Asia. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy in Hawaii provides drug interdiction and fisheries enforcement operations for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In even-numbered years Hawaii hosts the biennial summer Rim of the Pacific Exercise, the world's largest military maritime exercise, featuring more than two dozen nations and 25,000 personnel.

The Navy family in Hawaii comprises around 50,000 people, most of whom are active duty service members and their families, and includes nearly 15,000 civilians and contractors as part of our workforce.

JBPHH includes the Pearl Harbor waterfront, Hickam flight line, Wahiawa annex and several other areas in West Oahu and provides a major logistics and other support hub for the military and military families. Supporting the nation's ballistic missile defense initiative, the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the western coast of "The Garden Island," is the world's largest instrumented multidimensional testing and training missile range.

We provide services to the U.S. Pacific Command, one of DOD's six geographic combatant commands, with an area of responsibility covering half the globe. We directly support two component commands whose headquarters are on JBPHH: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Force. Close to our own Region/MIDPAC headquarters command is Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. With 18 forward-deployable combat-ready U.S. Navy submarines, Pearl Harbor is home to the largest submarine presence in the Pacific. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, on JBPHH, is the largest ship repair facility between the West Coast and the Far East. Within our region we support more than 100 tenant commands.

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(Photo by MC1 Devin Langer)

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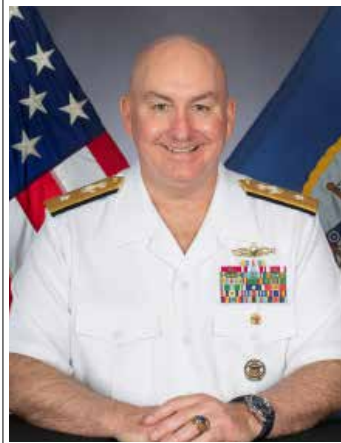
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Commander's Message

Rear Adm. Timothy Kott, USN
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Summer is moving at an almost unreal pace. July affirmed for me the complexity of the Region and MIDPAC missions and the quality of the professionals responsible for making these missions happen.

In areas where vaccination levels are high, we continue to see decreasing rates of serious COVID-19 infections.

First lady Jill Biden recently made a brief stop on Oahu. In addition to meeting with several active duty members and their families, she visited a COVID-19 vaccination center at Waipahu High School.

During that visit, the first lady implored Hawaii residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19, adding that while vaccination rates have been good, there is still much to do.

The good news is that vaccines are available, ready to protect you and your family. The Navy Exchange is going all-out to make vaccinations accessible. Vaccines will be available for all active duty, reservists, retirees, GS and NAF employees Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13-14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the store space between the Vision Center and UPS Store at the NEX Mall.

Bring your military ID with you. Your DOD# will be needed during the application process. If this doesn't work for you, Tricare beneficiaries and CAC holders can make appointments at www.OperationCovidShot.com, and all others can go to www.hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine or their primary health care provider.

Vaccinations are key to our ability to maintain the readiness essential to meeting our mission, to looking out for your shipmates and coworker, and to keeping you and your families safe. It is equally important for you to continue to observe good hygiene and follow the other guidelines proven to work in combatting this virus. Plenty of resources are available to you. I encourage each of you take advantage of them.

Stay up-to-date on the latest developments by visiting: Navy Region Hawaii COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/coronavirus-disease-2019.html> and the Navy Region Hawaii Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii/>.

I have met with many of you, seeing first-hand the impact that you make on the readiness of our fleet. I ask a lot of questions, which gives me a fuller understanding of what you do and how I can help you. Thank you for your help and patience!

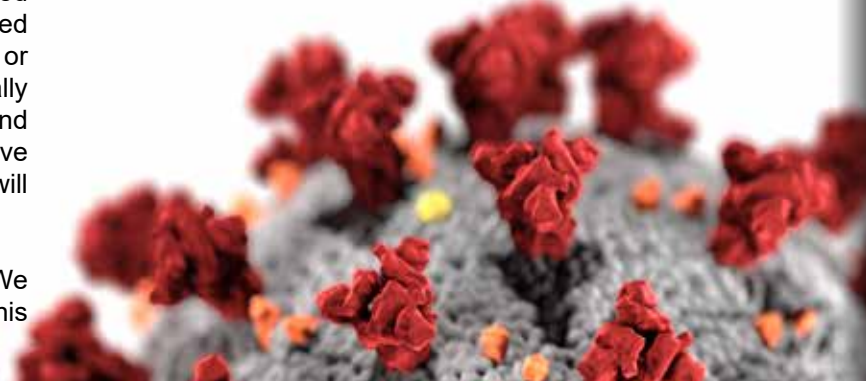
I ask each of you to continue your focus on safety and health. Over a 30-day period beginning June 20, the United States saw a roughly 400% increase in reported new COVID-19 cases. Of note, the Delta variant is the leading variant of the virus in the United States...and by far the most infectious. The Delta variant is 225% more transmissible than all other variants of the COVID-19 virus within the United States.

And on Oahu, new daily case numbers have surged into triple digits for almost two weeks. This is challenging our move back to "normal." Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks signed a memorandum directing that "In areas of substantial or high community transmission, DOD requires all service members, federal employees, onsite contractor employees and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in an indoor setting in installations and other facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled by DoD."

What does this mean to us? Effective immediately, I am directing that all personnel—military, civilian, and contractors – will wear masks while indoors onboard Navy Region Hawaii installations as established by previous directives. This applies to both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated personnel.

In addition, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin announced that all military and civilian DoD personnel will be asked to attest to their vaccination status. Personnel unable or unwilling to do that will be required to wear a mask, physically distance, comply with a regular testing requirement and be subject to official travel restrictions. When we receive further guidance on implementing this new policy, we will get it to you.

Do not be discouraged by these latest developments. We have a strong strategy in this long campaign to combat this virus: widespread vaccination against COVID-19.



COVID-19 TESTING IF YOU ARE VACCINATED

| COVID-19 |

You did your part by getting vaccinated, but you still have an important role to play in stopping this pandemic.

Even though it's rare, some people who are vaccinated still get COVID-19.



So, if you have symptoms, especially if you've been around someone with COVID-19, you should get tested.



By getting tested you protect the people around you, including your loved ones.



Encourage your friends and family to get vaccinated.

Remember, if you feel sick, get tested.



www.cdc.gov/covidtesting

NECC commander, MDSU-1 conduct survey of Arizona Memorial



Story and layout by MC2 Greg Hall

Photos by MCC Christopher Perez and MC2 Greg Hall

Rear Adm. Joseph A. DiGuardo Jr., commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), participated in an underwater survey of the Arizona Memorial July 16.

The survey was conducted during a visit to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and was a collaborative effort between MDSU-1 and the National Park Service.

"Any day you are able to get into the water is a good day," said DiGuardo. "However, there aren't many opportunities that equal being in the presence of the Arizona Memorial. I am very appreciative of MDSU-1 and the National Park Service in making this dive a reality."

Due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, this was DiGuardo's first visit to MDSU-1 since taking command of NECC in September 2020.

"MDSU-1 was ready and prepared for the NECC commander's visit," said Cmdr. Bill Williams, MDSU-1's commanding officer.

"It was an honor hosting the commander and diving with him on one of the nation's most sacred underwater sites, USS Arizona," said Williams. "Knowing Rear Adm. DiGuardo for over 29 years and having worked with him throughout my career, I was proud to present our team and to showcase the professionals we have here at MDSU-1. It was not lost on me that making the dive with Rear Adm. DiGuardo, along with some of the Navy's newest divers, was at the site where some of the U.S. Navy's most memorable salvage operations took place."

Williams said MDSU-1 is the only U.S. dive and salvage unit in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility, and they also support operations in U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Southern Command and U.S. European Command.

"As part of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Force, MDSU-1 possess specialized skills that allow them to conduct expeditionary dive and salvage operations, carrier strike group recompression chamber operations, and commander task group level command-and-control operations in support of the fleet and joint force," Williams added.

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*- Rear Adm. Joseph A. DiGuardo Jr.,
NECC Commander*

"Even for highly skilled divers, each dive requires focus and preparation to ensure that each member of the team fulfills their role," said Navy Diver 1st Class Jeffery Baker, who added that safety is always a priority for Navy divers.

"As the diving supervisor, I feel like Rear Adm. DiGuardo fit right into the team," said Baker. "I am proud that the dive went well and that we were able to safely accomplish this mission for MDSU-1."

The diving opportunity also gave MDSU-1 an opportunity to explore new capabilities.

"We were able to utilize a new system, the diver panel system, to use for underwater-to-surface communications," said Navy Diver 1st Class Andrew Gose. "Doing this, we could communicate with the underwater engineer from the underwater construction team (UCT) to capture any discrepancies or pylons that may be degrading. It was fantastic to have one of our divers from MDSU-1 go with the UCT diver and get experience inspecting pylons, the intricacies of the



inspection itself and the planning that goes into these inspections."

Gose said each diver understands the significance of working on the Arizona and what the memorial means to people throughout the world, and added that the honoring sentiment does not change, even after working aboard it many times.

"It is humbling when you think of all the sacrifices people have made to ensure that this monument stays here and the sacrifices that they continue to make," said Gose. "Everyone working together to keep the Arizona intact and a place where millions of people can visit and pay respects to."

Pearl Harbor National Memorial has a long-standing relationship with the Navy, and the mobile diving and salvage unit commands stationed locally at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Explosive ordnance disposal technicians and Navy divers from MDSU commands have helped restore historic mooring quays, inspect underwater piles for structural integrity, and aid in the planning of future resource protection. Their histories are intertwined with the efforts of Pearl Harbor commemorations when interring USS Arizona and USS Utah survivors into the hulls of their respective ships.

F-22 Raptors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) recently completed international air-combat training with several training sorties as part of Exercise Wakea, a PACAF and French co-led demonstration of the U.S. and French Air Force's partnership and commitment in the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility.

From June 27 to July 5, three French Air Force Rafales, two A400M Atlas, one A330 Phenix, and approximately 170 French Air and Space Force (FASF) personnel made JBPHH their temporary roost, as part of Exercise Wakea, to enhance air-combat expertise and increase the interoperability between the two countries' aircraft.

"Wakea provided our F-22 pilots with a unique opportunity to integrate and

train with allied partners," said Lt. Col. Anthony Davis, 154th Operations Group deputy commander. "Our location in the Pacific doesn't lend itself to routinely training with French forces, so it will likely prove to be invaluable to future operations and interoperability."

For the Rafale, this was the first time the FASF's primary fighter aircraft had graced the Hawaiian airspace. The deployment was part of France's effort to reaffirm its place as a stabilizing presence in the Pacific.

France's air force and navy began using the Rafales in 2001. The highly versatile twin-engine fighters can be used to execute a multitude of mission sets; from alert and air-defense, ground support, and reconnaissance. And as the Hawaiian Raptors and Rafales demonstrated, are able to

'play nicely' in the realm of fighter synchronization.

While air-combat synchronization was one of the primary focuses during Wakea, on-the-ground subject matter experts from both nations exchanged best practices regarding flight ops, training, maintenance, and medical operations.

"It really was a well-rounded effort," Anthony said. "It's safe to say we learned a lot from them and they learned a lot from us. Both maintenance and ops benefitted from this experience."

Wakea was a perfect illustration of French cooperation with American Armed Forces, showcasing the quality of the existing relationships as the U.S. continues to accelerate synchronization with allies.

As fighter operations rely on aerial refueling to sustain sortie time, key Hawaii Air National Guard personnel were invited to fly in a A330 Phenix to observe how the FASF execute aerial refueling.

Brig. Gen. Dann S. Carlson, 154th Wing commander and Raptor pilot, hosted a contingent of high ranking FASF officials for a tour of Raptor ops and maintenance - part of a myriad of French interactions with the various U.S. military service components leadership personnel based in Hawaii.

According to a U.S. Navy news release, Adm. Samuel Paparo, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, met with two top French military officials visiting Hawaii to discuss the French military's posture in the region.

"It was definitely an eye-opening experience for everyone involved," Anthony said. "If we're able to continue periodically training with the French, we'll likely look back at this past week as the successful start of it all."



Top: Brig. Gen. Dann S. Carlson, 154th Wing commander, Hawaii Air National Guard and Lt. Gen. Vincent Cousin, commander, Air Defence and Operations Command - French Air and Space Force, observe an A400M Atlas take-off at Honolulu International Airport June 29.

Middle: A French Air and Space Force F3-R Rafale takes off at the Honolulu International Airport June 29.

Bottom: A Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 Raptor flies in formation with a French Air and Space Force F3-R Rafale June 30, near Oahu.

Background: A Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 Raptor flies in formation with a French Air and Space Force F3-R Rafale June 30, near Oahu.



Layout by MC1 Charles Oki

Exercise Wakea: Hawaiian Raptors advance interoperability with French Air Force

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Orlando Corpuz, 154th Wing Public Affairs



CHUNG-HOON CMC EARNs DEL BLACK AWARD

Congratulations
CMC Josephine Tauoa
2021 Award Recipient

By Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
Photo by MC1 Devin Langer, NPASE Det. Hawaii

Command Master Chief of USS Chung Hoon (DDG-93), Josephine Tauoa, was selected as the 2021 Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Delbert D. Black Leadership Award July 6.

Tauoa was selected from a field of five outstanding finalists representing the finest first-tour command master chiefs and command senior chiefs across the Navy.

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung Hoon (DDG-93), is homeported out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Tauoa assumed her duties in April 2020, after she was selected to be the Navy's first female Samoan command master chief. According to her commanding officer, Tauoa epitomizes what it means to be a deckplate leader who serves as the backbone of the command. With her inspirational leadership, she kept the crew focused on operational excellence as they earned the unit tactics award after successfully completing an 18-month sustainment phase, Pacific Dragon 2020, and Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2020. Each of these accomplishments is unique, because the crew met mission requirements and arose to unforeseen challenges while safely navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Delbert D. Black Leadership Award, named for the first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, honors Master Chief Gunner's Mate Delbert Black. He served in the position from January 13, 1967 until his retirement on the chief petty officer (CPO) birthday, April 1, 1971. His humility, can-do spirit, and actions on behalf of enlisted Sailors are viewed by the CPO community as a foundation for deckplate leadership.

"This past year has been difficult for many, but this CMC demonstrated that there's no challenge too big for our team," said MCPON Russell Smith. "Her ability to press on and persevere set a tremendous example for her crew to follow. Congratulations to Master Chief Tauoa on her selection for this prestigious award. I'm proud to serve in her Navy!"

In keeping with tradition and the namesake of the award, Tauoa was selected as this year's recipient for her exceptional dedication, technical competence, and commitment to fostering an inclusive, professional environment which uplifts all Sailors under her charge.

"She is the heartbeat of Chung-Hoon, a trusted advisor and advocate up and down the chain of command," said Fleet Master Chief James Honea, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "Her humility, grit, and actions on behalf of all Sailors sets the tone for all to follow. Her ethos creates an environment that all Sailors thrive and succeed in."

The Chung-Hoon is named in honor of Navy Cross and Silver Star recipient Rear Adm. Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon and the crew of the World War II destroyer USS Sigsbee (DD-502).

In Honor of Women's Equality Day We Recognize **Delbert D. Black**

During his 30 years of distinguished service to the Navy, **MCPON Delbert D. Black** was an exceptional deckplate leader committed to Sailor and family advocacy. He possessed the highest levels of moral, ethical and professional behavior, and unquestionable integrity. His unselfish ability to lead Chief Petty Officers (CPO), unwavering loyalty to the Navy, and commitment to developing junior officers and Sailors set a positive tone for the Navy.



Leadership Award Recipients

This award is presented to recognize a first-tour Command Master Chief (CMDCM), Chief of the Boat (COBO), or Command Senior Chief (CMDSC) who best leads the alignment efforts of the Chief of Naval Operations, Strategic Guidance, embraces our Navy Family as part of mission success, embodies our Navy Core Values and CPO expectations, demonstrates those same ideals of service with sacrifice as demonstrated by MCPON Black, and upholds the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.

CMDCM Samira McBride
2019-2020 Recipient
First Female
Award Recipient

CMDCM Josephine Tauoa
2020-2021 Recipient
First Female Samoan
Command Master Chief



With one phone call, two Ugandan airmen received the news that they would fly more than 7,000 miles to train alongside their U.S. counterparts in Airman Leadership School (ALS).

After receiving the news, Sgts. Turyamureba Daniel and Magambo Charles, Ugandan Air Force aircraft technicians, boarded a plane to the U.S. three days later.

“Selection for this position was a strict process,” said Daniel. “We had to take several exams, conduct multiple interviews, a medical screening, and complete a fitness assessment.”

The ALS program prepares Airmen for current and future leadership and management with a focus on four outcome-based objectives: culture, mission, leadership, and problem-solving.

COMING TO AMERICA: INTERNATIONAL AIRMEN, USAF EDUCATED

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Nelson
15th Wing Public Affairs



“Representing the Ugandan Air Force and my family means so much to me,” said Daniel. “I’m grateful for the U.S. and Ugandan partnership. With the opportunity to participate and gain valuable training, this experience helps both nations become stronger and gives me the ability to take my knowledge back to Uganda and share with airmen.”

Once in Hawaii, Daniel and Charles met Senior Master Sgt. James Ponziano, 15th Wing international military student officer.

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After starting ALS, Charles volunteered to be the class leader for his class alongside U.S. Space Force Sgt. Carol Grande, 8th Intelligence Squadron senior threat analyst.

“This is the first time we had an international student volunteer to be a class leader,” said Master Sgt. Brien Tarkington, 15th Wing Professional Military Education Center director of operations. “After interviewing each of the applicants, the instructors felt Charles would be an excellent fit for the position.”

While most students spent the first few days of class reviewing the assigned training material, Daniel and Charles adjusted to a new country, culture, and language.

“I told myself to remain determined and focus toward my end goal of graduating the class,” said Daniel. “I didn’t look at the language barrier and others barriers as an excuse not to learn but embraced it as a challenge to grow.”

Grande found a way to connect with the Ugandan airmen through shared interests, and eventually overcame the language barrier. Grande, Charles, and Daniel spent hours assisting each other throughout the course and learned about each others’ values, experiences, and cultures.



Daniel and Charles connected with more Airmen through games of soccer that they played on the weekends. The soccer field, or pitch, quickly became a familiar sight for Daniel and Charles after completing their coursework.

“I learned that success on the pitch is similar to success in uniform,” said Charles. “Mission success is a teamwork priority [as on the pitch and battlefield]. Working in teams can bring various experiences to accomplish a common goal.”

In addition to academic requirements, the course required students to create community projects to reinforce the whole Airman concept. Both Daniels and Charles worked together on a local beach cleanup collecting more than 200 pounds of garbage.

Both Ugandan airmen graduated from ALS and made their way back to their home country, with not only an American experience but an Air Force one.

“We have to establish a common ground to communicate from, for us [military] it’s to execute the mission while getting to know your people and taking care of each other,” said Grande. “After meeting Daniel and Charles, I gained valuable insights that challenged me to think differently and orient myself strategically to be an asset to the U.S. Space Force and our allies.”

Baby Turtles Escape Under Cover of Darkness at PMRF

Story by Tom Clements, PMRF Public Affairs
Courtesy photos

Approximately 55 green sea turtles hatched from a nest on the shore fronting the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on the evening of July 29. Tracks were discovered leading from the nest to the ocean the following morning. This is the first hatching of the year at PMRF, and the 10th since 2015.

A team of University of Hawaii specialists on contract with PMRF joined Mimi Olry, DLNR Kauai Marine mammal response field coordinator, for an excavation of the nest on July 30. Among the tasks associated with the excavation are determining the number of hatchlings by collecting egg fragments, collecting DNA, and searching for any remaining hatchlings that had not yet emerged from the nest.

“The nest was discovered June 7, with fencing and signage installed the following day” said Alyssa Piauwasy, a UH field biologist. PMRF’s environmental team includes Navy civilian biologists along with contracted specialists. Security and Public Works departments also contribute to managing the safety of the nest site.

Although a typical clutch consists of approximately 100 eggs, Olry offered a possible explanation.

“It is hard to say exactly why this nest had fewer eggs, but Green sea turtles, ‘Honu’ do lay 3-5 nests, and this may have been her last clutch, so she laid fewer eggs,” Olry said. “The good news was that the hatch rate was very high, with 55 out of 56 eggs hatching, so it was a successful nest.”

The shoreline at PMRF is an attractive location for nesting turtles with miles of intact, sandy beaches, relatively low vehicle traffic and lack of nighttime activity on the beach. Turtles are frequently seen basking on PMRF at “Turtle Cove”, the outpouring of Nohili Ditch on the north side of the base, and can occasionally be seen at other areas on base as well.

Find out more by visiting the PMRF Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PacificMissileRangeFacility> or the PMRF website at https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/installations/pacific_missile_range_facility_barking_sands.html



Story by Bryan Cheplic



BACK-TO-SCHOOL MEANS INCREASED DRIVER, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) community wants to remind drivers and pedestrians to be vigilant when children on base go back to school.

“I encourage folks to use caution and drive slowly near schools or if they see students walking in the morning, afternoon and at intersections,” said Cherise Castro, JBPHH school liaison. “A lot of schools are near the main roads and schools don’t have the ability to hire crossing guards to keep an eye out for students.”

Whether you are new to the base or have been at JBPHH for years, it’s crucial to practice safe driving especially around crosswalks and school buses.

Most incidents occur when children are approaching or leaving the bus. Bus drivers are unable to see people or objects in what they refer to as the danger zone. A danger zone extends 15 feet around the bus and includes the wheel areas.

Parents are encouraged to have their children wait six feet away from the curb until the bus driver has come to a complete stop and that the bus driver gives them the okay to enter onto the bus.

Layout by Elaine Phillips

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–Cherise Castro,
JBPHH school liaison

Students should look out for vehicles when exiting the bus and take five large steps away from the bus before crossing.

Parents should also remind their children never to walk behind the bus even if it’s to retrieve something they dropped. If something is dropped around the bus, the best plan of action would be to inform the bus driver before walking into the danger zone.

Students who walk to or from school should walk on the sidewalk and use crosswalks, even if they’re in an inconvenient location.

Students should look left, right and then left again before crossing any road to make sure that there are no cars coming and wait for stopped drivers to signal it’s safe to cross.

Pedestrians under the age of 10 should be accompanied by an adult or young adult.

Another important note for both parents and children regarding bicycle safety on base is the rules that apply to motorized vehicles, also apply to bicyclists. Obeying traffic signs and lights, roadway markings and posted speed limits are a few notable examples.

Bicyclists are prohibited from riding on sidewalks and bicycle operators are also prohibited from using any crosswalk, sidewalk, driveway, or any other area not designated as a traffic lane, for the purpose of by-passing a traffic control device.

Upon approaching an intersection with a crosswalk, bicyclists must dismount and walk their bicycle through the crosswalk.

Drivers must also be alert for pedestrians, bicyclists and children who ride the bus. If you are on a two-lane roadway or you are on a multiple-lane roadway and you see the red lights flashing and the stop sign out on the bus, you must stop.

Children should avoid dark clothing in order to be more visible to drivers during hours of darkness.

Remember to allow yourself some extra time to get to work in the mornings in preparation of slowing down in school zones and stopping for school buses.

Taking just a few precautions and obeying traffic laws can make the difference between life and death for a child. For more information about traffic laws and pedestrian safety, visit www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety.

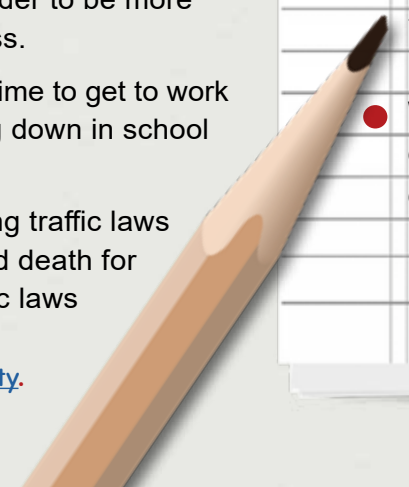
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DRIVERS:

- Drivers need to pay full attention when driving. Do not use cell phones or other hand-held electronics while driving.
- Portable headphones, earphones or other entertainment listening devices shall not be worn while operating a vehicle.
- Distractions such as eating, adjusting the radio, and applying makeup are dangerous.
- Drivers have a responsibility for other people on the road.

PEDESTRIANS:

- Make eye contact. Be sure drivers see you before crossing the street. Your eyes and ears are the best tools for keeping safe.
- Never assume that a driver sees you and will stop for you. If you never put yourself in front of an oncoming vehicle, you should never get hit.
- Pedestrians must take responsibility for their own safety.
- Wear lightly colored or reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.



2021 WATER QUALITY REPORTS

Story and photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC HI Public Affairs

The Navy's 2021 Water Quality Reports, also known as Consumer Confidence Reports, provides information and data on its four water systems from 2020 and may be viewed online by water consumers.

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii (NAVFAC Hawaii) operates and manages the Navy's water systems at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Camp Stover, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Pacific, and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Kauai. These reports have been developed for Navy water consumers for each system.

Many military personnel, their families, and civilian employees with the Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense, as well as non-DoD users living and working on JBPHH, various housing areas in the vicinity of the installation, and at PMRF Kauai, receive their drinking water from Navy sources.

"The Environmental Protection Agency requires community water systems to provide an annual report on the quality of drinking water to their customers," said NAVFAC Hawaii Environmental Business Line Leader Sherri Eng. "We want our Navy water consumers to know that their water is safe and meets all federal and state standards."

Notification letters providing links to the Navy's Water Quality Reports were distributed to water customers prior to July 1. Electronic versions of the reports are available online at the following web addresses:

- Navy Region Hawaii: https://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/water_quality_information.html
- Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii: https://www.navfac.navy.mil/navfac_worldwide/pacific/fecs/hawaii/about_us/hawaii_documents/Reports.html

Navy water consumers who have questions, or would like to request a hard copy of a 2021 Navy Water Quality Report can do so by contacting the NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs office at 808-471-7300 and/or NAVFAC Hawaii Environmental Compliance office at 808-471-4676.

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TCCOR

TROPICAL
CYCLONE
CONDITIONS
OF
READINESS

SEASON

Levels used to inform of location and projected landfall of an approaching hurricane or storm. Base installations maintain a set of actions and checklists to complete at each level. Stay personally prepared and check command Facebook pages to monitor base operation changes.

TCCOR
5

POSSIBLE threats of destructive winds.

Monitor weather websites and command Facebook pages for updates and tips.

WITHIN
**96+
HRS**

WITHIN
**72
HRS**

POSSIBLE threats of destructive winds.

Stock up on water, food and supplies.

TCCOR
4

TCCOR
3

ANTICIPATED destructive winds.

Raise valuables off floor, general cleanup, and check fuel and emergency kits.

WITHIN
**48
HRS**

WITHIN
**24
HRS**

ANTICIPATED destructive winds.

Stop non-essential activity, secure outdoor items, tape windows in 'X' pattern, and establish communication channels.

TCCOR
2

TCCOR
1

ANTICIPATED/ OCURRING destructive winds.

Make final checks, identify nearby safe zones, and prepare to shelter in place.

WITHIN
**12
HRS**

For more information visit:
hurricanes.gov/prepare

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



1 First lady, Dr. Jill Biden, greets guests during a military family barbecue on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam July 25. The first lady gave remarks and spoke with the families in attendance. (Photo by MC1 Anthony J. Rivera)

2 A fireworks display illuminates the night sky over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam July 4. Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day with service members and families. (Photo by MC2 Greg Hall)

3 F-22 Raptors assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, arrive in support of Pacific Iron 2021 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, July 18. Pacific Iron 2021 is a Pacific Air Forces dynamic force employment operation to project forces into the USINDOPACOM's area of responsibility in support of the 2018 National Defense Strategy. (Photo by Master Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger)

4 Sailor of the Year candidates drop flower petals to honor the fallen Sailors of the USS Arizona (BB-39) on board the USS Arizona Memorial while participating in the fiscal year 2020 Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year competition July 14. (Photo by MC1 Robert Zahn)

5 Sailors assigned to Navy Region Hawaii package food to hand out to members of the Waipahu community July 23. The volunteer event was organized by the Lighthouse Outreach Center to provide food for families in need. (Photo by MC2 Greg Hall)

6 Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Medeiros, Pacific Air Forces enlisted aid regional manager, speaks with celebrity chef, Roy Yamaguchi, while Staff Sgt. Leslie Frederick, 65th Airlift Squadron flight attendant, prepares a bell pepper at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam July 21. Yamaguchi observed culinary skills Airmen and Sailors have acquired during their time in service. (Photo by Sr. Airman Alan Ricker)



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